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Girdles on the dressier skirts are usually wide but those on utility models follow the style of street skirts and are narrow. But the utility skirt, like the tailored suit, indulges in little fanciful elements of design in its makeup, like those appearing in the skirt at the left of the picture. Bone

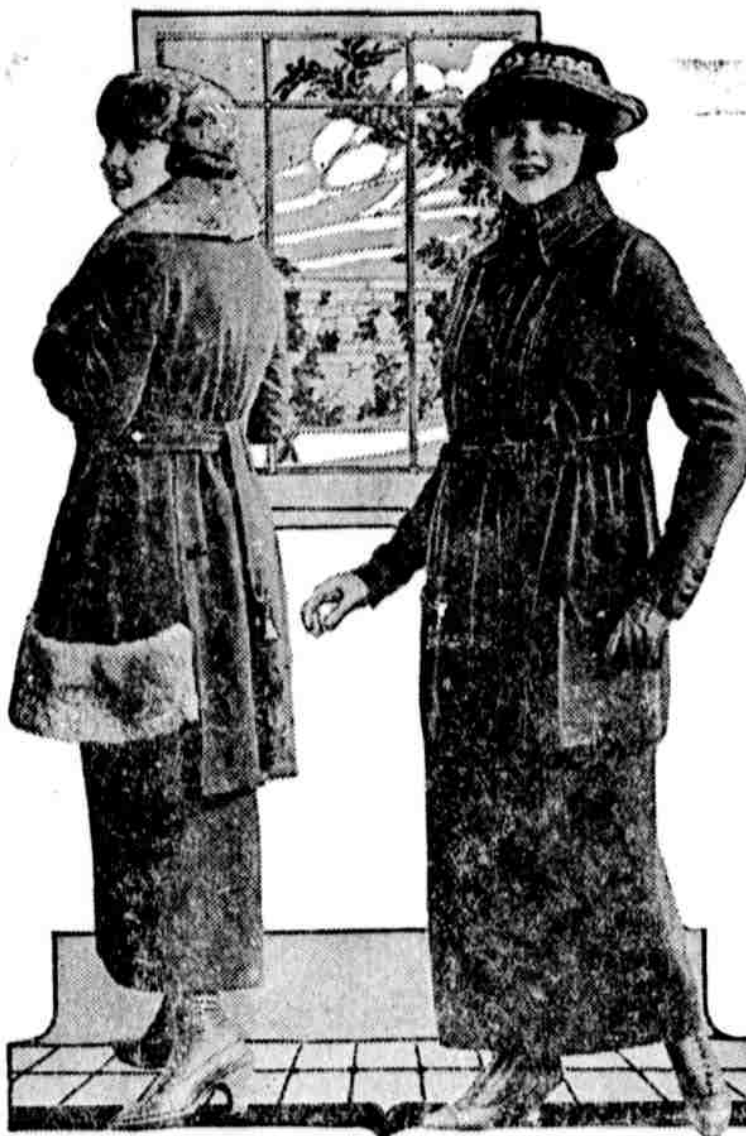
buttons and cloth loops at the bottom of the pockets and a long silk cord and tassel toward the back of the skirt are there because they are there—just to be looked at.

Heavy wool plaids in quiet colors, shepherd checks and crossbars, together with plain cloths, tell the story of the utility skirt so far as materials are concerned.

The model at the right of plain tricotine is a business-like affair in which narrow silk braid and bone buttons are used with effective discretion. Braid appears to have fallen into the hands of master designers this season and has won over many devotees of perfectly plain tailored suits and skirts to its use. The picture tells the story of this skirt in a way to make a description of it altogether unnecessary.

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"Fancy" is to be understood as a trade term for the type of suit that is most sought for. These suits are not much trimmed, but they are enriched with embroideries or fur or tucks or

braid, all used with originality and restraint. The cloth suit, at the left of the two shown above is a type of the styles favored, with collar and border of fur. It indulges in a narrow grille of the cloth, with hanging ends at the back, that are allowed handsome flat silk tassels as a finish.

The utility suit at the right of the picture depends upon tucks and buttons for its embellishment and is as smart in its way as its dressier rival. It is a sturdy looking affair in which one can face wind and weather, go a-traveling or to business, and will stand much wear and still come up smiling.

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